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THE FIRST DAY OF DRESSAGE AT THE FEI EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR YOUNG RIDERS AND JUNIORS 2016 - PRESENTED BY SAUDIA SEES GERMANY IN GOLD MEDAL POSITION

Roma, 22 settembre 2016 - The first day dedicated to the dressage tests has come to an end at the Military Equestrian Centre which hosts the FEI European Eventing Championship for Young Riders and Juniors 2016 - presented by Saudia.

42 juniors and 30 young riders have been judged respectively by Joachim Dimmek (h), Jane Holderness Roddam (c) and Katherine Lucheschi (b) and by Luciano Cantini (h), Christina Klingspor (c) and Jane Hamlin (b). The first two combinations of each competing team rode their tests today.

At the end of the day **Germany** (94,00) leads the way in both the junior and young rider team competitions' provisional rankings. **France** (95,10) and **Ireland** (97,90) follow closely in the young rider competition. Italy lies fourth with 99,30 negative points.

The individual provisional results are lead by two German girls on an equal score: **Flora Reemtsma** riding Ikaros Z and **Rebecca-Juana Gerken** on Scipio S both on 43,10. France has **Thais Meheust** riding Quamilha (43"40) in third.

The best placed Italian is Pietro Majolino who has ridden Fernhill First Impression (45,80) into fifth place. Another home rider in the top ten is Luca Mezzaroba 8th on Laomaco (48,00). Ludovica Manzoli (who together with Luca Mezzaroba rides for the team) and Pin up de Mai are 14th (51.30). The other Italians are: Andrea Balacchi (17th on Faramir - 52,10), Paolo Torlonia (24th on Darola Diamond - 57,20), Ludovica Bolaffio (25th on Eduard - 59,90).

France and **Great Britain**, on 84,80 and 93,70 points, are second and third in the junior team competition behind **Germany** on 84,60. At the moment Italy (108,80) lies in 7th placed.

Romain Sans and Enzo Van't Vennehof lead individually for France (39,50). Biting on their heels are the 2015 junior European champions **Johanna Zantop** and her horse FBW Santana's Boy (41,90) followed by her team mate **Emma Brussau** on Donnerstag 20 (42,70).

Team member Lavinia Brogi, 22nd riding Fernhill Chivas (54,10), is the best Italian individual. Closely behind, in 23rd, is Clara Mayer (Stonehavens Master Class 54,40) with the other Italian participants as follows: Maria Sole Girardi (24th on Hero Motivator - 54,70), Francesco De Angelis Corvi (27th on Dunbeggin Imp - 56,40), Carolina Silvestri (36th on Dutchdaleo Z - 60,90).

Hanna Rogge, chef d'équipe of the German teams, is celebrating her athletes' provisional first places. «I am so excited. It's the first time I am chef d'équipe for the teams. Everything was perfect. The riders were wonderful, they kept a cool head, were concentrated and rode like professionals. The young riders Flora Reemtsma and Rebecca Juana Bruessau have plenty championship experience as they have participated in pony, junior and young rider Europeans. In the juniors we have the reigning champion Johanna Zantop and Emma Bruessau who has competed in two pony Europeans.».

Pascal Forabosco, chef d'Equipe for France: «In the last few years France has worked a lot on its dressage. Specialised trainers have been hired for all age groups and the training is certainly paying off at all levels. We expected both teams to work well and we are happy with their second provisional place».

Sally Corscadden, chef d'equipe for the Irish young rider team: «I am extremely satisfied with the results of my athletes and their third place today. Elizabeth Hayden rides a difficult horse who was a bit spooky during his test today but she interpreted him well. Daniel Brown, who has previously only competed at European level on ponies, has achieved the best possible performance from his horse Euro Jackpot. So I am delighted with their test».

Darrel Scaife, junior British chef d'équipe comments on his team's third provisional place: «It's been an amazing start to the competition. Phoebe Locke is a very good rider and has made a successful transition from ponies to horses qualifying for the British team, something only few have done before. On top of that she scored her personal best today. The second rider on our team, Isabelle Upton, rides a lovely 7 year old who is a big mover but was a little tense during the test for the atmosphere and the flags. I am very pleased with him and think he will be a very good horse for the future».

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